

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1257 without my signature.

I have vetoed substantively similar bills in prior years, because while this bill is intended to ensure that California's consumers receive their rebates in a timely manner, it could actually result in a greater amount of harm than benefit to consumers. Greater restrictions on rebate offers in the State of California could result in companies who offer nationwide rebates to exclude California from those offers. Consumers benefit from rebate offers and choose whether or not to participate in them. Unnecessary restrictions on those offers in California could take that option away from consumers, if companies choose to no longer offer rebates to Californians.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger